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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP RCE**  
Hiraku Murayama et al. )  
Application No.: 10/802,869 ) Group Art Unit: 3736  
Filing Date: March 18, 2004 ) Examiner: JEFFREY GERBEN  
Title: GUIDE WIRE AND METHOD OF ) HOEKSTRA  
MANUFACTURING THE GUIDE WIRE ) Confirmation No.: 5448  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Customer Number **21839**

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application and encloses the  \$405  \$810 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1.  A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.

B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:

Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

Amendment/Reply

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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Examination Fee (1801)					\$ 810
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	32	32	0	x 52 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	6	6	0	x 220 (1201)	\$ 0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$ 390					\$ 0
<b>Total Fee</b>					<b>\$ 810</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ 0
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$ 810</b>

4.  Charge \$ 810 to Deposit Account No. **02-4800** for the fee due.5.  A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.6.  Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.7.  Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

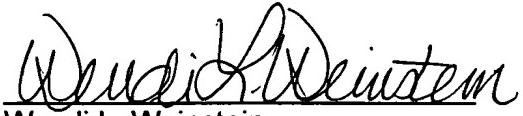
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8.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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